

**MINUTES
MACOMB COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2006**

President Perna began the meeting at 7:30 a.m. held at Freedom Hill County Park.

ROLL CALL

In Attendance:

James M. Perna, President
Gasper Salerno, Vice-President
Anthony Lipinski
Timothy M. Malone
Gene Schabath, Rep. Anthony Marrocco
Marvin E. Sauger
Betty Slinde

Absent/Excused:

Ann E. Klein, Secretary, excused
Dino F. Bucci Jr., Sgt. At Arms, excused
Phillip A. DiMaria, absent
Thomas L. Raymus, absent

Others Present:

Anthony G. Casasanta, Sharon Quinn and Dave Humbyrd of Parks & Recreation; Jim Meyerand, Corporation Counsel; Pat Daniels and Frank Blowers, Chapter 154 Vietnam Veterans; Tony Mannino, St. Ronald's Parish; Sgt. Mark Oermann and Deputy Gary Lewandowski, Macomb County Sheriff Department; Fireman Bob Woonton and Mike Holland, Roseville Fire Dept.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A MOTION BY MR. SAUGER, SUPPORTED BY MR. LIPINSKI WAS MADE APPROVING THE AGENDA WITH ADD-ONS UNDER NEW BUSINESS: A. TRI-COUNTY EXPO REQUEST; B. ST. RONALD'S PARKING REQUEST; C. POLICE AND FIRE MEMORIAL REQUEST AND D. CLOSED SESSION-TO DISCUSS CLIENT/PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION BY MR. SAUGER, SUPPORTED BY MR. SALERNO WAS MADE APPROVING THE MINUTES ON THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2006. MOTION CARRIED.

BUDGET REPORT

Mr. Casasanta asked if there were any questions by the Commission on the budget.

A MOTION BY MR. SALERNO, SUPPORTED BY MS. SLINDE WAS MADE APPROVING THE BUDGET REPORT AS SUBMITTED. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Casasanta referenced correspondence from the Health Styles Committee thanking the Park for holding their annual luncheon and correspondence from Mr. Casasanta to Mr. Cwiek of Human Resources requesting two part-time positions for the Park.

A MOTION BY MR. SALERNO, SUPPORTED BY MS. SLINDE WAS MADE TO RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Activities Undertaken with Landfill at Freedom Hill

Mr. Casasanta referred to the Report Update of the landfill by the environmental company that was sent to the Commission. Mr. Casasanta highlighted activities yet to be done which include access agreements, geotechnical drilling, and engineering for a temporary bridge over the Red Run Drain. Mr. Casasanta stated activity reports would be made available to the Commission for their review.

Mr. Malone inquired about tree cutting in the back area of the Park. Mr. Casasanta stated that last spring, trees were taken down and the company is looking to put in wells and believes tree removal has been completed.

Discussion ensued about size and location of the bridge. Mr. Casasanta emphasized it is only a temporary bridge and they are still doing investigative mitigation.

Ms. Slinde asked that someone from the environmental company be invited to a regular Parks Commission meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Tri-County Community Expo

Mr. Humbyrd presented Mr. Tremper's (Marketing Coordinator) written request to hold a Tri-County Community Expo on May 19, 2007 for local businesses and community organizations at the park. He also requesting free parking and admission in exchange the Park will receive sponsorship and advertising space.

Mr. Perna inquired about costs for the Park to hold this event. Mr. Humbyrd responded that normal staffing for parking and clean up is expected during regular hours.

Mr. Casasanta recommended holding this expo as this is a good event.

Discussion ensued relative to sponsorship, added costs and set-up.

Mr. Schabath asked Corporation Counsel for an opinion on this request. Mr. Meyerand responded there would have to be a contract covering the specifics.

Further discussion ensued.

A MOTION BY MR. LIPINSKI, SUPPORTED BY MR. SAUGER WAS MADE APPROVING THE TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY EXPO AS RECOMMENDED.

Mr. Schabath recommended contacting the City of Warren for feedback about this event held there last year.

AN AMENDED MOTION BY MR. LIPINSKI, SUPPORTED BY MR. SAUGER WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE TRI-COUNTY EXPO EVENT FOR 2007 AND HAVE CHARGES FOR EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE EVENT OUTLINED IN AN AGREEMENT. MOTION CARRIED.

St. Ronald's Parking Request

Mr. Mannino addressed the Commission and asked for a flat parking fee for the 2007 SummerFest as festival attendance has declined and his organization mainly consists of seniors who have limited funds.

Mr. Perna recommended devising a formula that will address further such requests.

Mr. Casasanta explained he used records from the last three years on parking to average the cost. Further discussion ensued.

A MOTION BY MR. MALONE, SUPPORTED BY MR. SAUGER WAS MADE APPROVING THE FLAT PARKING FEE OF \$2,000 FOR THE 2007 SUMMERFEST. MOTION CARRIED.

Police and Fire Memorial Request

Mr. Perna introduced Frank Blowers of Chapter 154 Vietnam Veterans who gave a presentation to the Commission asking to build a memorial at the County Park for (17) Police Officers and (10) Firefighters/EMS who have lost their lives in Macomb County. Mr. Blowers showed a model of the memorial and described it would be 400 square feet, including brick pavers. Mr. Daniels of Chapter 154 was also present and made positive comments for the construction of this memorial.

Mr. Casasanta stated there was a Public Hearing of the Master Plan held at the Macomb Intermediate School District last night. At this hearing, the topic of land usage at the Park was considered a high priority, as well as, recreational resources. Mr. Casasanta continued to state that this memorial is a good concept, however it will need to be incorporated into the Master Plan. He further stated the police and fire memorial location site will be pending upon the outcome of the Master Plan.

A MOTION BY MR. SCHABATH, SUPPORTED BY MS. SLINDE WAS MADE APPROVING THE POLICE/FIRE MEMORIAL CONCEPT.

Mr. Daniels stated the plans are to have a ceremony next September 11, 2007 for this memorial and to break ground November 11, 2006.

Mr. Casasanta asked Mr. Blowers for paperwork on this memorial.

Mr. Blowers stated no taxpayer dollars would be used, private fundraisers will be held to fund the memorial construction.

Mr. Casasanta expressed the Master Plan will not be done by November and does not foresee footings happening in November.

Further comments were made by Mr. Lipinski, Mr. Schabath Ms. Slinde and Mr. Sauger.

Mr. Casasanta explained that working on the Master Plan and seeking an application for funding with the DNR a protocol is in place whereby it is necessary to seek the public's vision for this Park, as well as, the Park Commission.

Mr. Meyerand commented he also does not anticipate footings scheduled in November as issues need to be addressed and incorporated in the Master Plan.

AN AMENDED MOTION BY MR. SCHABATH, SUPPORTED BY MS. SLINDE WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE POLICE AND FIRE MEMORIAL CONCEPT WITH THE LOCATION AND INSCRIPTION TO BE BROUGHT BACK TO THE PARK COMMISSION FOR FURTHER APPROVAL. MOTION CARRIED.

Closed Session

A MOTION BY MR. SCHABATH, SUPPORTED BY MR. SAUGER WAS MADE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION.

A roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL VOTE

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Bucci	Absent	
Dimaria	Absent	
Raymus	Absent	

Cont'd

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Klein	Absent	
Lipinski	X	
Malone	X	
Schabath	X	
Perna	X	
Salerno	X	
Sauger	X	
Slinde	X	
Total	7	0

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Commission went into Closed Session at 8:15 a.m.

Mr. Perna reconvened the Regular meeting at 8:25 a.m.

OTHER

Mr. Perna asked if there was a conflict with the next Commission meeting date of November 8th.

A discussion ensued.

Mr. Perna revised the next Regular Parks & Recreation Commission meeting to November 14, 2006 at 7:30 a.m.

Mr. Casasanta commented that approximately 20 people attended the Public Hearing on the Master Plan at Macomb Intermediate School District. The three components addressed were: 1) land acquisition for parks and campsites, which was a high priority for discussion, 2) various ideas for Freedom Hill and 3) the Orchard Trail.

Mr. Malone asked Mr. Casasanta to provide a written report on the status of any proposals for donated land or property available for parks.

Mr. Perna asked about the schedule for the Senior Swing Dances in November. Mr. Humbyrd responded the dates are scheduled for November 15th and 29th.

Mr. Casasanta stated that the Health Department is looking at our facility to conduct flu shots, but the dates have not been confirmed.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION BY MR. SAUGER, SUPPORTED BY MR. SALERNO WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE COMMISSION MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.

President Perna adjourned the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting at 8:35 a.m.

Sincerely,

Ann E. Klein, Secretary
Macomb County Parks & Recreation Commission

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